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The Desert Star

No Fog
No Smog

"Meet Your New Baby and Watch It Grow." The Desert Star is Published under the sponsorship of the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce. A weekly newspaper saturating the communities of Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley and Pioneertown.

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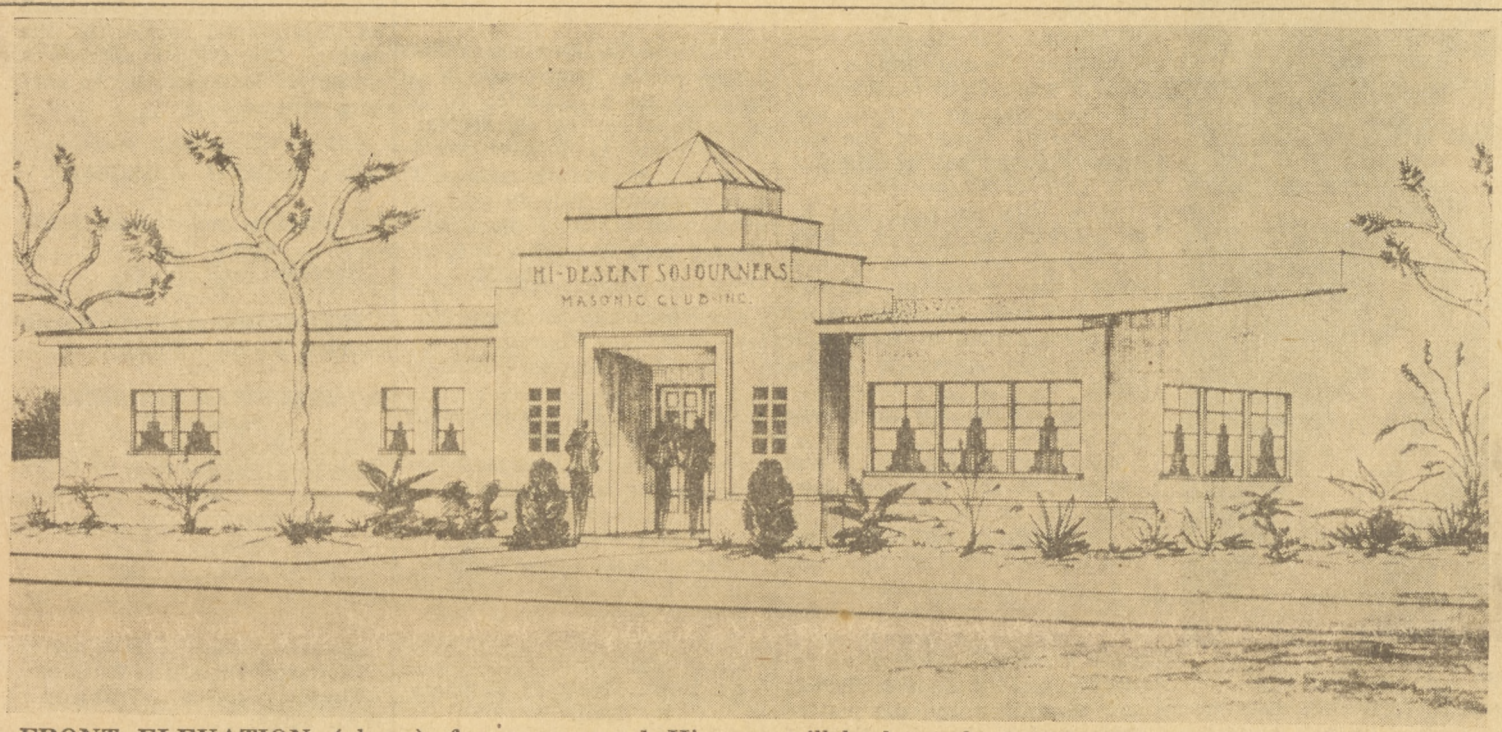
Desert Star Newspaper Will Serve Area, Morongo to Pioneertown



FRONT ELEVATION (above) for a proposed Hi-Desert Sojourners Masonic club was drawn by J. A. Murrey, AIA, of North Hollywood. The proposed hall will be located on property near the 29 Palms Highway and Victorville road, a Sojourner spokesman reports.

YV C. OF C. SPONSORING PUBLICATION

Yucca Valley attained a substantial step forward this week with the appearance of the first edition of the Desert Star, a weekly newspaper, published on Wednesdays under the sponsorship of the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce.

C. H. Jacobs, manager for the Chamber of Commerce said, "We are amateur newspaper people—and this is our first effort, but we appreciate the support of all those advertisers and community boosters in these first editions."

(For a complete list of personnel and policy see page 3, this issue.)

The publication will satisfy all standard and expected newspaper services and will go to a paid circulation status immediately following these introductory editions. For the present, copies are being mailed, saturation, throughout the communities of Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley and Pioneer Town.

It is hoped that a section of the paper will be sponsored by the Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce in order to satisfy that community's public information and advertising needs.

New subscribers will be appreciated, of course, and a coupon is enclosed herewith for your convenience.

SCHOOL BIDS—

Harry R. Sharp, president Board of Trustees Morongo School District, announces that bids for the additions to the Yucca Valley Elementary School will be opened in the office of the school architect on Thursday, April 4. The construction will include a multi-purpose cafeteria building and an administrative addition. Additional toilet facilities will also be provided for the primary children. It is anticipated that construction will be underway by the end of April. Mr. Frank Cook of Joshua Tree has been hired as inspector for the construction program.

The enrollment at the Yucca Valley Eelementary School continues to grow. As of March 28 there were 251 pupils in the school. Seven new pupils were enrolled during the week of March 24.

Cancer Drive To 'Kick Off' Here

Co-Chairman Joan Wilson and Corine Hemmett report the Cancer drive in Yucca Valley will open with volunteers at the postoffice to accept donations starting April 1.

Committee workers are Mmes. Blanch Barrett, Nona Pierson, Jane Lace, Helen Key, Emile Balazes, Ana Starr, Geneva Moore, Jerry Clark, Vesta Peters, and Betty Ehrisman.

Receipts will be given for income tax purposes.

A Cancer film will be shown April 11, 8 p.m. at the community hall and residents are urged to attend, Mrs. Wilson said.

Masonic Hall Plan Told for Hi-Desert

Taking a long look toward the destiny of the High Desert and its assured place in the sun, a group of Yucca Valley men has put into motion a project which will have a bearing on living values in our spreading area throughout its future.

This group, known as the Hi-Desert Sojourners Masonic club with a nucleous of 65 members, has purchased a tract of two acres from Fred Storey, situated near the northwest intersection of Twentynine Palms highway and Victorville road.

Plans are ready for a clubhouse which will be of especial interest to those of the young generation who are present now in numbers and for succeding generations of them to follow.

The idea originated in a discussion which took place at the home of F. H. Lafferty in Mar. of 1956, where a few members of the Masonic order were concerned with the lack of a headquarters particularly designed for the activities of the young set and dedicated to their use. The thought took root and grew into the conception of a tract occupied by a well-equipped clubhouse, with the later addition of a Masonic Temple.

So well has the plan gained acceptance that the clubhouse is due to materialize soon in a design prepared by Architect J. A. Murray A.I.A., who also has preliminary sketches for the Masonic Temple.

The Desert Sojourners, members of the Masonic order of whom there are more in the area, will offer the facilities of this clubhouse to all of the youth groups regardless of other affiliations.

Application has already been made to the DeMolay national offices at Kansas City for establishment of a local chapter for young men within the ages of 14 to 21,

The girls are to be represented in their groups such as Job's Daughters and the Rainbow Assembly Girls and others. Of course, the Order of Eastern Star will be active in its time-honored role as women's Auxiliary of the Masons.

The Sojourners believe that it is high time for the High Desert to have a youth center and are happy in the choice of such an attractive site in a convenient location.

Evidences of progress will be observable as work goes on in the near future.

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IMPORTANT PARK MEETING SET TOMORROW, APRIL 4, 7:30 P. M.

The Advisory Board of the Yucca Valley Park Recreation and Parkway District wishes to announce there will be a public meeting Thursday, April 4, in the Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. Hans Thompson, State Park and Recreation Specialist, will be present to conduct a question and answer session relative to entering into a lease with the Morongo Valley School District to acquire an unused portion of the Yucca Valley School grounds for park purposes.

The useage of surplus school grounds for park purposes is by no means new and it is rapidly gaining in popularity throughout the State. It results in a definite economy of tax money by eliminating much unnecessary duplication of equipment.

Many of the leases of school grounds for park purposes are set up on a year-to-year basis and have proved to be quite satisfactory. In our case, where the school district covers much more territory than the park district and involves other com-

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Desert Christ Park Easter Rite Site

SUNRISE SERVICE at Desert Christ Park will be conducted by the Desert Parson Rev. Eddier Garver among the beautiful figures sculptured by Antone Martin. Typical of the figures are those of Christ and the child, above. Howard Clark Photo

FIGURES OF BIBLICAL Characters line the hillside in Desert Christ park. Record-breaking attendance is expected at Sunrise services this Easter Morning.
Howard Clark Photo

Record Crowds Expected For Easter Morn

Begin Easter with a "Sunrise" by attending the service in Desert Christ Park with the "Desert Parson", Rev. Eddie Garver and Antone Martin, Sculptor of the statuary.

Record attendance is expected at this years service because of the increasing publicity which has come to the park and the lovely spring weather.

An additional attraction of the Easter Service to many people is the fact that long walks are unnecessary. There are many chairs for those who wish them and the loudspeaker system is such that hundreds of motorists may sit in their cars within easy range of the rostrum — made out of the natural rock in 4-layer tiers.

Above this rostrum, dug into the hillside, Antone Martin is presently working on the sepulchre also made out of natural rock with an angel inside and three women on the outside bearing the spices to anoint Jesus.

These figures are in lifesize dimensions.

The Last Supper which was constructed last year has been completed in bas relief and in 35 feet high and 75 feet long. This is spotlighted at night and is a beautiful piece of work.

The service itself will include such features as special organ music by Mrs. Lu Ferry, an invocation by Rev. Chester Nichols and renditions by the vested choir under the direction of Mrs. Charlsie Peters.

Soloist will again be Miss Claire Colby who has a beautiful operatic voice.

Antone Martin will give a special message and the Rev. Garver will deliver the Easter sermon. The time is 5:30 a.m.

DO WE WANT THAT PARK? The decision is yours. Come to Community Hall Thursday night April 4, at 7:30 P. M. READ ARTICLE PAGE 1.

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Attend Church in Yucca Valley

The following prayer, generally attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, is not only rich in devotional content, but spells real practical Christianity. It is with a sincere desire to reach our good community with heartfelt christian love, that he submit the following prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is injury,
pardon;
Where there is doubt,
faith;
Where there is despair,
hope;
Where there is darkness,
light;
And where there is sadness,
joy.

O' Devine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
AMEN

Contributed by the Yucca Valley Community Church.
David E. Hansen - Minister

YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Interdenominational)
Apache and Santa Fe
P. O. Box 440
Yucca Valley, Calif.
Phone Joshua Tree 5-2766
David E. Hansen — Minister
Sunday School 9:30
Jr. Dept. Meets at church site.
Sr. Dept. Meets at Community Hall.
Sunday Services:
Morning Worship .. 11 a.m.
Community Hall.
Christian Endeavor, 6 p.m.
Church site.
Evening Services, 7:30 p:m
Community Hall.
Childrens Church ..11 a.m.
Church site.
Nursery care for preschool children at the church building during morning Worship service.
Week day Services
Wednesday:
Choir Practice, ...7 p.m.
Meditation and prayer,
..... 8 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meetings
Kings Daughters,
.... Third Tuesday
Trustees and Deacons,
..... First Thursday

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YUCCA VALLEY LIGHT & LIFE CHAPEL
(Cor. Geronimo & Santa Fe)
Rev. Stanley Glover, Pastor
Sunday School .... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11 a.m.
Gospel Hour ..... 7 p.m.
Choir Practice, Wed. 7 p.m.
Mid Week Service .. 8 p.m.

The Sunday School of the Yucca Valley Light & Life Chapel are enjoying the experience of going through the Bible with colored slides. At present they are seeing the events of Christs last week on earth before His Passion. A special invitation is extended to all at this time to join with us in our conference — wide Sunday School contest. Last year we won a $25.00 first prize and we are striving to do the same this time.

In the morning worship hour the choir will be bringing special music and the pastor will bring a message entitled, "The Prayer Jesus Refused To Pray".

The evening Gospel Hour will include a rousing time of singspiration, special numbers and an inspirational sermon by the pastor. The Chapel extends a cordial invitation to all to worship with us.

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Services each Sunday
..... 11 a.m.
Holy Communion every fourth Sunday, by Rev. Paisley.

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Sunday Services:
Sunday School .. 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11 a.m.
Evening Service .. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

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Yucca Valley
Rev. Edward Creighton, Pastor
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Week-day Mass
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DOINGS

"NEXT TO YOUR TOWN THIS IS THE BEST LITTLE TOWN IN THE WORLD . . . ."

We offer you today, our latest project — A weekly newspaper for the Yucca Valley area. It is not our present intention to go permanently into the newspaper business, but with the co-operation of our business people, residents and property owners and after much investigation, we feel confident that we can carry on until such time as a commercial newspaper may see fit to take over.

The plan under which the paper is organized may be of interest to some and here it is:— The president of the Chamber of Commerce shall appoint a supervising committee of three members, including himself, to appoint a general manager for the project and to confer with the manager and the board of directors of the Chamber on matters of general policy as required.

The manager shall have general supervision of the publication of the paper, arrange for help as required, receive and disburse the funds and otherwise conduct the business of the project. All checks on the newspaper fund shall be signed by the manager and one member of the supervisory committee, or, in the absence of the manager, by any two members of the committee.

The Chamber shall set up an initiatory fund of $300 to start the project and to prepay the printing of the first issue of the paper. The funds of the project shall be kept in the same depository as the funds of the Chamber of Commerce and be deposited to the credit of the Chamber of Commerce of Yucca Valley, Newspaper Account.

A general reserve fund of $500.00, inclusive of any residue from the initiatory fund but not inclusive of more than 8 percent of the subscription receipts, shall be built up before any disbursements are made from the fund, other than for actual publication expenses.

Renumeration of the employees of the project shall be determined by the manager, with the approval of a majority of the supervisory committee, except that any manager's salary shall be determined by the supervising committee only.

Any excess of funds over and above the reserve fund and excepting 92 percent of the current subscription funds may, from time to time, be transferred to the general fund of the Chamber of Commerce, as determined by the board of directors of the Chamber who may also, at any time, cancel sponsorship of the project and cause publication of the paper to cease as a Chamber of Commerce project. At this time, after liquidation of all obligations of the project, all remaining funds of the Newspaper account shall be transferred to the general fund of the Chamber of Commerce.

The entire staff of the paper is presently operating as a community service, without renumeration of any kind, and will, within reason, continue to do so until such time as returns are available for the fair compensation of our workers.

The supervisory committee consists of Roy Roush, Florence Ware and Jack Coffman. C. H. Jacobs was appointed manager and Joan Wilson is doing a full time job gathering in the ads that furnish the motive power. Other staff members have not been selected at this time but their names will be announced shortly.

YV, Morongo Chambers Join

The Chambers of Commerce of Morongo Valley and Yucca Valley are cooperating in securing a new set of booths for the joint use of both communities.

There will be 15 in all, eight feet square, with plywood backs, partitions and tops and so constructed in panels that they may be assembled or taken down with a minimum of time and effort.

Morongo Valley is financing, and will retain, five of them; Yucca Valley is responsible for the other 10, this division being based roughly on the population ratio of the two communities. All the booths will be available to either community as required.

The public spirited generosity of Mr. H. M. Thompson, lumber dealer, and Arnolds Hardware and Plumbing, in furnishing the material at cost has resulted in a very substantial saving to both communities. The material is on hand and the panels will be built up soon.

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THE STAFF
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Joan Wilson, Ad. Mgr.
Ruth Dietman, Reporter

SUPERVISING COMMITTEE
Mr. Roy Roush
Mrs. Florence Ware
Mr. Jack Coffman

The Swing Shift Kids

NEW LOCATION FOR OFFICE

The increase in the activities of the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce, together with Grubstake Days and now a newspaper, have made more office room an absolute necessity. The Community Church has kindly made available for the purpose, the small building at the rear of the Community Church property and hereafter, until further notice, this will be the center of activities for the Chamber of Commerce, Grubstake Days and the newspaper.

Our sincere thanks to "Cabin Homes" for the desk room they have so generously allowed us for the past few months at considerable disturbance to their own operations.

Deputy Roland H. Webb Covers 640 Sq. Miles Around Yucca Valley

by Joan Wilson

Law enforcement on the higt desert is maintained by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office headed by Frank Bland, Sheriff. He has as a branch of his department the sub-station at Twnetynine Palms. This substation is manned by Sub-Station Commander, Sgt. Don Meyers. He has under his supervision five deputies, one of which is Resident Deputy Roland H. Webb, who resides in Yucca Valley and is on call twenty-four hours a day. He maintains the area of Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Pioneer Town and Morongo Valley. This area constitutes approximately 640 square miles.

Deputy Webb is responsible for the maintaining of law enforcement and the suppression of crime within this area. Some of the duties of Deputy Webb involve the investigation of criminal acts, public services, coordination of search and rescue, which may involve lost persons on the desert, missing aircraft, etc.

The main object of the resident deputy is crime prevention, and this is obtained by an efficient patrol system.

This patrol is focused on the business and residential areas; a patrol is also maintained for the protection of the five acre tracts. Deputy Webb is assisted in these numerous duties by a highly efficient and model Reserve Unit, thoroughly trained in the mechanics of modern law enforcement.

This unit consists of nine men who live in the four high desert communities; Yucca Valley: James O'Connor, George Balazs, David Hansen, Ernest Peters, Joel Hammett, Roger Melansen, and Larry Gray. Morongo Valley: Harold Rigby. Pioneer Town: Howard "Red" Davidson.

Deputy Webb also has under his control a mounted group, The Yucca Valley Rangers. This group is used mainly for the purpose of search and rescue and is headed by John Kee.

Volunteering their services as pilots, and placing at the disposal of Deputy Webb, their aircraft are: Jules Boldizsar, Myrle Ruple, John Arch, and Ray Bennet.

Without the services of the above mentioned groups, law enforcement and public assistance would be greatly handicapped.

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Enchanted Yucca Valley

by Dr. E. H. Kelley

The Valley you hear so much about, a high desert country 3333 feet elevation, all in a forest of Joshua Trees, hemed in by low mountains on three sides, a gorgeous view of Mt. San Gorgonio's snow capped peaks most of the year and in the east a view of the rising sun through the Joshua Trees make the most fascinating view to be seen anywhere.

This Valley is one of the most enjoyable and wonderful places to live in to be found anywhere. For health it is superb and unexcelled, high and dry, moderate summer and winter temperature, free from fog and smog and other undisidable features. Our abundance of fresh, pure well water is another feature of our natural heritage.

I have only been here a year and I can truthfully say that it is one of my most enjoyable years. Never have I been in a place that has so much wrapped up in one package as Yucca Valley.

Our family migrated west in the late 1880's and I have watched it's progress through the years. One of my hobbies has been mountain climbing and I hunted in Yucca Valley 30 years ago, when there was hardly a shack or a road in the country. As I saw it then I wouldn't have given $1000 for the whole valley. How different today.

This article was written in haste in order to make the first issue of our new and somewhat novel newspaper and was unsolicited, being the way I feel about this area.

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Ed. Note:— Dr. Kelly is not even a member of the Chamber of Commerce, but we think he should at least be secretary. What a booster he is. And we have many more.

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Our Weekly Page of Features

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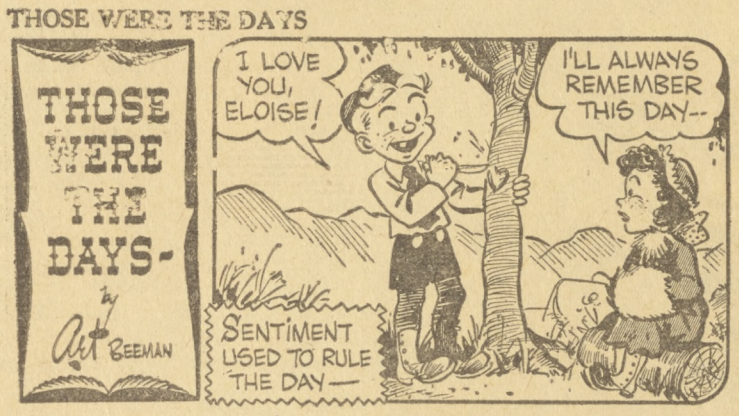

By ART BEEMAN

DEEMS

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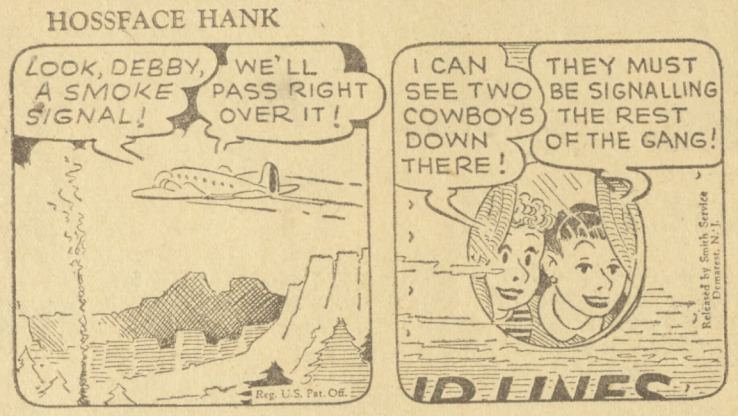
LOOK, DEBBY, A SMOKE SIGNAL!
WE'LL PASS RIGHT OVER IT!
I CAN SEE TWO COWBOYS DOWN THERE!
THEY MUST BE SIGNALLING THE REST OF THE GANG!
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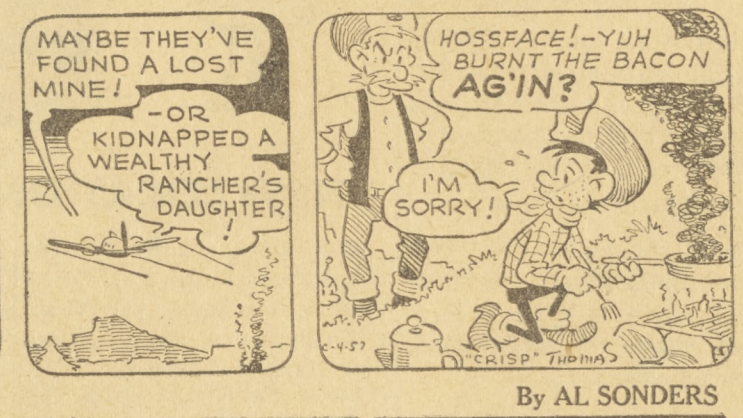
BY FRANK THOMAS


MAYBE THEY'VE FOUND A LOST MINE!
-OR KIDNAPPED A WEALTHY RANCHER'S DAUGHTER!
HOSSFACE!-YUH BURNT THE BACON AG'IN?
I'M SORRY!
"CRISP" THOMAS

SONNY SOUTH

By AL SONDERS

HEAH SHE COMES NOW. AH JUS' GOTTA MEET HER.
AH'LL TRY SOME O' THAT CHIVALRY STUFF.
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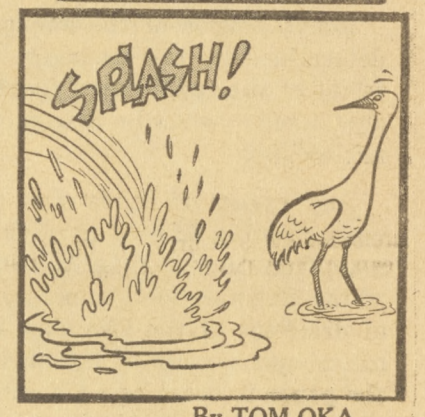
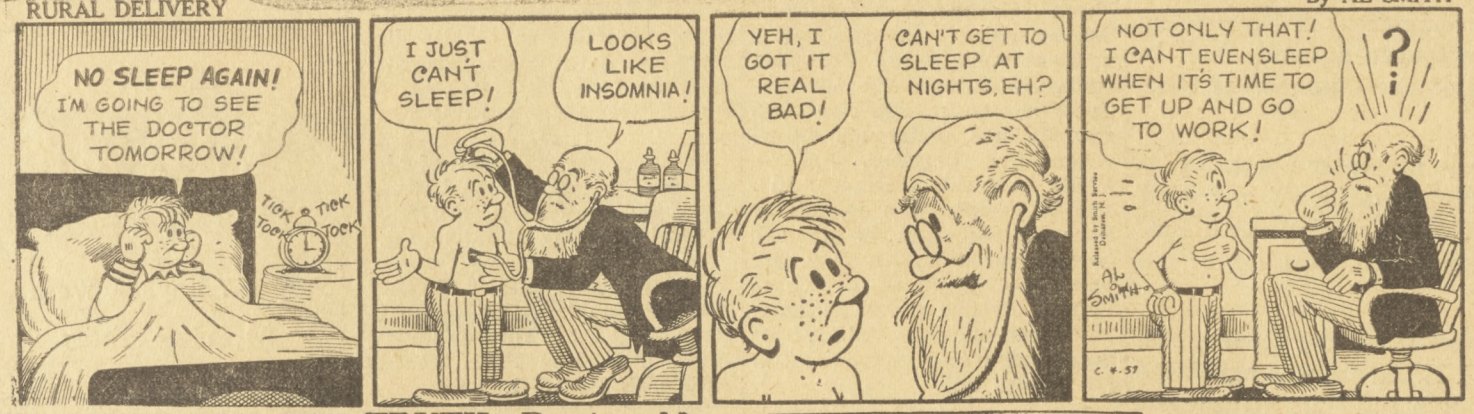
AL SONDERS
BROAD JUMP CHAMP 1957



RURAL DELIVERY

By AL SMITH


NO SLEEP AGAIN! I'M GOING TO SEE THE DOCTOR TOMORROW!
TICK TOCK TICK TOCK
I JUST CAN'T SLEEP!
LOOKS LIKE INSOMNIA!
YEH, I GOT IT REAL BAD!
CAN'T GET TO SLEEP AT NIGHTS, EH?
NOT ONLY THAT! I CANT EVEN SLEEP WHEN IT'S TIME TO GET UP AND GO TO WORK!
?
AL SMITH
Released by Smith Service Demarest, N. J.
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By TOM OKA

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH By Arnold

STAN KEIFFER, of Santa Paula, Calif., HAS BUILT UP A COLLECTION OF 284 AUTOMATIC PENCILS !!
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Roger Arnold
THE AXIS OF THE EARTH IS TILTED AT 23½ DEGREES!
DON'T LOOK NOW, GIRLS - BUT YOUR FEET ARE GETTING BIGGER!
(SHOE SALES PROVE IT)
The dainty size 4 is disappearing - the average size for women today is 6½ !

Uncle CHARLEY'S "Epigrins"

Nothin' kin make a feller as tired as trampin' all day at a county fair

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Tobe Hinch says his wife is fair to maudlin'.

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Some folks never think of the Lord till they git a good bellyache.

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Yep, some gal's makeup looks like it didn't.

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It never hurts to take pains with your work.

* * *

Keep your tongue in your cheek and you won't get your foot in your mouth.

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Preaching that isn't paid for never sounds very good.

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It's some fellers fate to put on the brakes too late.

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Yep, high caliber folks usually aim to shoot straight.

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Too many flat tires try to put on airs.

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A good hearty smack usually makes a hit with a Miss.

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If things go wrong try hummin' a song.

C-4-57 —REV. CHARLEY GRANT

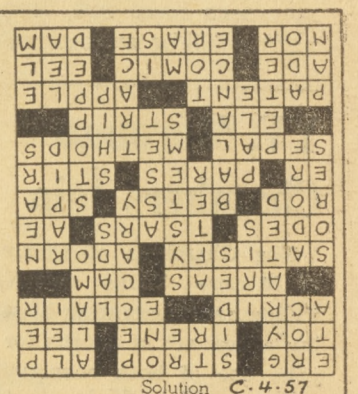
Crossword

ACROSS

1. Unit of work
4. Sharpen
9. High mountain
12. Plaything
13. Goddess of peace
14. Sheltered side
15. Pungent
17. Custard filled pastry
19. Regions
22. Gear
23. Cloy
25. Decorate
28. Poems
29. Former Russian rulers
31. A diphthong
32. Pole
33. Girl's nickname
34. Mineral spring
35. Comparative suffix
36. Peels
37. Agitate
38. Part of flower
40. Systems
42. Highest note
43. Denude
44. Apparent
47. A fruit
50. Fruit drink
51. Humorous
54. Lamprey
55. Neither
56. Rub out
57. Obstruct

DOWN

1. Greek letter
2. Fabulous bird
3. Revolved
4. Laterals
5. Treasurer (abbr.)
6. Musical note
7. Single
8. Hog-like animal
9. Mission in Texas
10. Hawaiian garland
11. By
16. Spring flower
18. Boys
20. Behind
21. Modes
23. Painful spots
24. Worship
26. Fast
27. Comes closer
30. Available property
33. Poise
34. Ceased
36. Wan
37. Boat
39. One of the Apostles
41. Copy
44. Cooking utensil
45. Fuss
46. Craggy hill
48. Meadow
49. Shade tree
52. Parent
53. Part of to be



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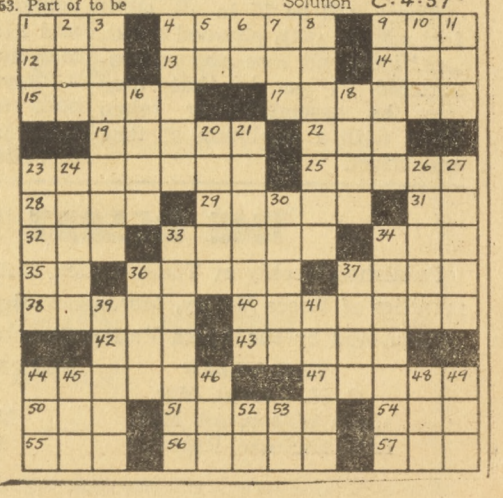

for Morongo Valley C of C

Police Stop Man With Gun Headed For YV

Police efforts to get a burglary complaint against the 33-year-old service station attendant arrested en route to kill his wife and her alleged lover with bullets on which he had scratched their names failed last week when his employer refused to prosecute.

Wayne L. Schofield of 6206 Tipton Way was caught speeding through Glendora at 90 m.p.h early Tuesday. He was quoted as admitting that he took $171.81 from the station at 6174 York Blvd. in which he worked.

He also was quoted as saying he was headed for Yucca Valley to shoot his wife Dorothy and a man named Tom.

Glendora police turned Schofield over to Highland Park officers and he was booked at Central Jail on suspicion of burglary.

But when Schofield's boss declined to prosecute, the District Attorney's office refused to issue the complaint.

He will be arraigned this week in Citrus Municipal Court on suspicion of carrying a concealed weapon.

Schofield said his wife left him and their four children about a week ago and he since learned she and "Tom" were in Yucca Valley.

He showed police a photograph of his wife with the children, Rocky, 9; Curtis, 6; Piper Jean, 4, and Dennis, 16 months.

Cobblers Bench Award At Valley Grubstake Days

A cobblers bench that will be a credit to any living room has been donated as one of the prizes in the button contest that always accompanies Yucca Valley's Grubstake Days celebration. This enhancing piece of furniture, valued at $100 was built in Yucca Valley by Charley Anderson, who owns and operates the A-1 cabinet shop here.

This years first prize will be displayed in the window of one of the local merchants in the near future. The bench is made of hard domestic ash and was individually designed by Mr. Anderson personally. It was left unfinished so that the winner of it may have it finished in a manner to match his own furniture. Any conventional type of finish may be used on this wood, according to Mr. Anderson.

Numbered celluloid buttons, with safety pin backs, will soon be on sale in the surrounding area at 50 cents each.

The ward will be made in the concessions area of the Grubstake Days celebration on Saturday evening, May 18, as a climax to the days fun and hilarity. It will not be necessary for the winner to be present. If not there he will be notified by mail.

Many other prizes, together with names of sponsors, will be announced in later issues of this paper. Good luck Amigos, and we'll be seeing you May 18-19.

Remember Yucca Valley Grubstake Days, May 18 - 19

ANNUAL MORONGO VALLEY FESTIVAL DATES JUNE 1 ST, 2ND

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The date is June 1st and 2nd, and kickoff time is 10 a.m. With the advertising and publicity campaign outlined, we cheerfully anticipate attendance to exceed the most optimistic expectations. There will be dancing, games, music, food and the usual carnival spirit will prevail. Everyone will be in a festive and receptive mood to look-at-your merchandise or hear about your service. We urge you to make your booth reservation early so as to assure the best posible location. It will be first come, first served.

"Closing date for reservations is May 15th, but don't wait until the last minute because you will need time to plan and arrange an eye-appealing display. Mail your check now to Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce, attention Walter S. Hubbard, P.O. Box 56, Morongo Valley, California. Fees are payable in advance. For additional information write Mr. Hubbard or phone him at Joshua Tree 52559.

"Almost forgot to tell you that all booths and displays must be ready for operation by 9 a.m. Something else you should know—hundreds of cars go in and out of Morongo Valley on any Saturday or Sunday, and that's Fiesta Time. Those folks are your prospects. Get to know them and sell them.

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YV Woman's Club Hobby Show Draws Exhibitors

The Hobby Show staged by the Yucca Valley Moman's club at Community Hall, April 21, brought an interesting collection of arts, crafts and heirlooms and an appreciative crowd.

Among the exhibitors were Mrs. Roy Caldwell, 150 old Italian china; Fanlou Rothman, scrolls and tooled leather; J. W. Yale of the Hi-Desert Golf and Country club 50 years of golfing; Mrs. Marsha Hayes, rare china, carved ivory and silver souvenier spoons; Cherie Belcher, Indian bonnet, beaded saddle and martingale made by the Chippawa Indians and 73 trophies from her collection of 300 she received for parades and horse shows with her beautiful palimeno, Taffy. Paintings were exhibited by Nicoli Yellenti, Carletta Wolfe, Alice Skjonsby and Elsie Marshall; Mrs. John Counzelman, mounted desert woods; Mrs. C. E. Johnson, rare books; Maud Magill, heirloom hand weaving; Jessie Hax and Howard Clark photography; Mable Turner, macreme; Mrs. Tom Vincent, 50 years of purses; Dortha Neher hand weaving; C. E. Myers, radio which furnished music all afternoon.

The club members exhibiting were Mrs. Terry Pausch, Mrs. C. V. Derden, Elvira Busson, Lil Sweesy, Mabel Godwin, Mabel Mellette, Irene Fox and Camilla Hudson.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Blanche Whitacre and Mrs. Sylvia Hempstead from the Desert Hot Springs Woman's club.

Burnt Mountain Swimming Pool Ready By Easter

Harry Housh announces that the swimming pool at Burnt Mountain Dude Ranch is being repaired and painted and will be ready for use Easter vacation. The announcement concerns all members.

Cub Pack No. 75 26-Strong Holds YV Pow-Wow

Chief Akela, Cubmaster Wilson, and his 26 Indian Braves gathered at the American Legion tepee in Yucca Valley for their monthly pow-wow. Since the theme for March was "Indian Trails," the cubs—er pardon—braves piled the dencraft display tables high with tomahawks, warclubs, drum, headbands, anklets, shields, costumes, jewelery, etc. As Akela called each den, the braves stepped forward and donned their Indiancraft, explaining the symbols used.

Den 2 presented the colors, led by their Den Chief, Mike Zachary. A fine rendition of the Star Spangled Banner followed.

The guest speaker, Mr. W. V. Buckner, held the boys spellbound while he told of his first-hand knowledge of Plains Indians and the five civilized tribes.

Mr. Buckner's home state, Oklahoma, means Home of the Redman. He asked the boys to recite the Lords Prayer and then he repeated it in the Crete Indian language to the delight of all.

The skit was presented by Den I, who demonstrated their skill at Indian sign language.

Akela's assistant, Buddy Blankenship, presented awards as follows:

Tommy Peters, 2 silver arrows on wolf badge, Don Blankenship, lion badge with gold arrow, Jack Heckendorn, lion badge, Jimmy Lace Denners, stripe for Den 2, Richard Howell, wolf badge with one gold and one silver arrow, Mike Marble, one silver arrow on wolf badge, Gary Buxton, lion badge.

The special trophy awards for "Cub Scout of the Month" were won by David Wilson, Den I, Earl Deal, Den 2, Gary Smith, Den 3, and Richard Howell, Den 4.

The pow-wow came to a close with the braves forming the "Living Circle" and giving the Cub Scout promise. No scapls were taken for which the audience breathed a sigh of relief, according to Jane Lace, secretary.

Gloria Alee Is Elected Queen Of Grubstake Days

Miss Gloria Allee was elected to be this year's queen of Yucca Valley's Grubstake Days Festivities which will be celebrated the weekend of May 18 and 19.

The election was by popular vote at Friday night's Teen Age Dance held in the Yucca Valley Community Clubhouse , April 29. Of the five contestants, Dianne Peters and Tyna English received nearly as many votes as Miss Allee and will serve as the queen's two princesses.

Mr. John Arch served as master of ceremonies during the election and when elected, the queen, Gloria Allee was presented with one dozen red roses by Mrs. John Arch. Photos were taken by Mrs. Al Fisher.

Mrs. John Arch (Jean) who is a member of the Yucca Valley Players Group, has been authorized by the Grubstake Days Committee to assume full charge of the queen activities for this year. As is customary she will select the costumes and accompany the queen and princesses on all publicity engagements. Mrs. Arch, with the assistance of the players group, is now planning the Grand Coronation Ball to be held Friday night, May 17—the actual beginning of Yucca Valley's seventh annual Grubstake Days.

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by Honey Fellers

We are happy to announce the opening of a new business on Mane Street in Pioneertown. Vernon and Blackie's Meat Ball Corral. Located just West of the Red Dog Cafe. Welcome to the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson.

The Businessmen's Association, with the help of John 'Scotty' Watt are giving the village a "face-lift." Mane st. has been opened to traffic, and old movie sets along with rubbish which has otherwise cluttered our otherwise pretty street, is being removed.

Community Church has services each Sunday at eleven. All are welcome. New seats have recently been added.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Althoff's mother. "Grandma" to all who knew her, had made many trips to the desert, though she was almost ninety years old. We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Althoff.

Kathy Newton spent the weekend visiting in Pioneertown. She is now making her home in Bellflower.

Alice and Shorty Cresswell spent the weekend with her parents, Lil and Tommy Thompson.

Al Little and family weekended at the Townhouse.

Marjorie and Gordon Sando came up from Hollywood to visit with the Bill Bridges.

Marge and Ray White were in town over the weekend taking care of business.

Willie Benoit, new owners of the Corral and rodeo grounds says he will soon have several very good riding horses for rent.

Russ Hayden spent several days here making plans for the shooting of his new TV series. Russ had to fly to New York for a conference with sponsors and expects to return to begin work shortly.

It has been rumored that "Flying A" will be coming in soon to make several feature pictures along with their usual TV's.

Mr. and Mrs. Nobel Olson of Corona came to the desert this weekend to see their friends, the Ole Skares and to make excursions into the hills to see the spring flowers.

Tony and Angie Caliguire spent Saturday and Sunday roaming the hills to take pictures of the flowers now starting to bloom. Tony reports that he has some very unusual photos of flowers never seen by him before, though this has been his hobby for years.

In another two weeks our flowers of the desert should be at the peak of blooming, and it is a most wonderful sight, well worth a week end of seeking them.

Pioneertown, — "Where the Old West Lives Again" — home of the westerns, got off to a terrific start in 1947. Hundreds of southern Californians flocked weekly to this "Wild and Wooly" Town. To the dances, with big name western bands. To free barbecues, to rodeos with star riders, to see movie stars.

To us at that time, Yucca Valley was only a spot on the Highway where we had to turn up a rough, winding road to our beloved hills.

And why then, since our little sister city, Yucca Valley has grown and prospered, why have we been left behind in the race, left at the post, actually for we are just where we were those ten long years ago! Well, my friends, that is a moot question, and one that has as many answers as people answering,—and probable all of them wrong. But be that as it may.

There are a small band of us who have stayed on, struggling and hoping. Theres smiling Frank Gee at his Golden Stallion, the restaurant beautiful. And his American-Chinese dishes, as famous as his smile. Theres Lil and Tommy Thopson who have had their share of troubles and worries, but still going on being loyal !and work-

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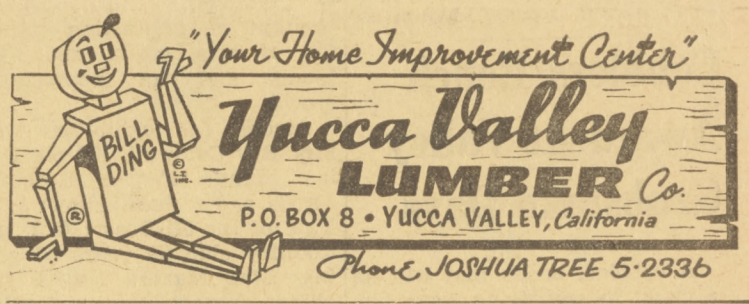

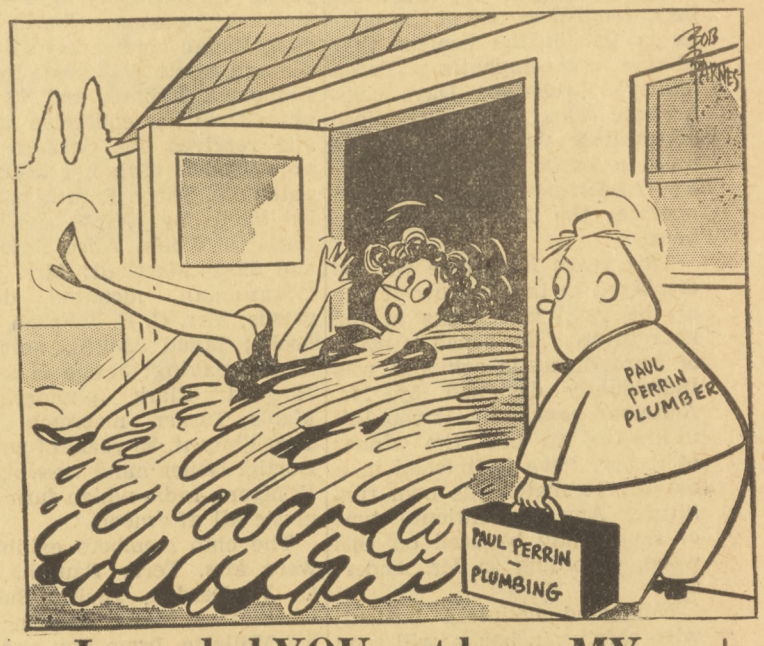

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Weekend Activity High In Rim Rock Reports New Correspondent Irene Fox

The March 24th weekend weekend found much activity at Rim Rock. Norma and "Red" Davidson entertained guests from Bell, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Everette Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Fox returned from visiting friends at Morro-Bay and Lodi. Reece was delighted with his grand-niece, Terry Lynn, one month old, who arrived with her parents, Carol and Danny Drovie from Long Beach.

Mrs. Dee Blanchard visited the Bert Normans while at her Rim Rock home. "Carpenter" Bert was consulted about remodeling the interior of her place better known as the "Yellow House" whenever folks stop at the Rim Rock Motel asking directions.

Latest news from Corp. Gary Norman, U.S.M.C., stationed in Japan is that he was sent to the Philippine Islands on maneuver exercises. He also finds Japan and its people quite interesting and is learning to speak Japanese.

Others up for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Melosh and son David. Mr. and Mrs. Opie Walker who have the attractive green house as one first sees Rim Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cawthon, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Ripple and children, also Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, all attended the first anniversary meeting of the Rim Rock Property Owners Association, at which time officers re-elected were president, Bert Norman, vice-president, Mrs. Daniel Perkarovich Sr., and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Reece Fox.

This organization has to date 47 members. A 100 per cent membership goal for the year shall be one of this associations aims. Mr. Hugh Farr of the Sons of the Pioneers Fame also attended this meeting as a property owner.

Miss Joan Pekarovich attended the Yucca Valley Woman's Club meeting Tuesday evening and was impressed with the program, a film in color, "The Middle East Aflame." Narrator, the national lecturer, Dr. J. M. Hagopian. Joan stated that this film was equal to many lessons read at school, surprised too at the modern buildings of the country in contrast to its primative ways in other aspects.

Miss Sara Haden, well known character actress and recently returned from New York, visited Mrs. Irene Fox to inquire of the Property Owners' progress as she is a member and has been a pioneer of this section. To date, no building due to its woater problem at Rim Rock. Now anticipating making this a future home.

We of Rim Rock welcome the progress of our neighboring village, Yucca Valley. We hope the following will be of interest for your paper.

The Rim Rock Property Owners Association held its first annual meeting, March 24th following a buffet lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Fox at Rim Rock which is located five miles from Pioneertown.

This association was started as a means of having its property owners, 146 in all, get together with a renewed interest of seeing what can be done to develop this beautiful section of high desert land. After ten years time only three permanent families live here, and about thirteen homes, many of these unfinished, others at a complete standstill.

Water problems being of the greatest interest to all of California, especially to the desert area, the story behind this association should be of interest to all future buyers of land subdivided without first having adequate water facilities. Also to call attention to our laws that allow such conditions to exist. What about the Fact Finding Board of the Planning Dept. of all counties? What actual inspections are being made in such cases?

Pioneertown Corporation subdivided this Rim Rock section and sold its land at $750 to $1200 an acre in 1947. This price included the $50 utility fee, for which this subdivision was to be supplied by its Utility Co. Water was supplied this section for a period of approximately 18 months. This source of water, at first via well, then by hauling via truck to tank after the pumping equipment at well had need of repair.

This equipment was never returned and when the water truck also broke down twenty-six families living here at the time were left to shift for themselves for their water supply, waiting for Pioneertown Corporation to keep faith with their agreement that soon this section would be adequately supplied with water. To date people have wondered when will the successors to the water rights of this section come forth with a development of wells and pipe lines to the land of this section still without same.

This association has given the facts to the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and are now awaiting the date, April 22, 1 p.m. P.U.C., Room, 10, L.A. Times Building, of hearing for their complaint to be decided upon.

People are most anxious to build in this area. It would mean greater tax revenue to our county, also a section of the road development which leads to Big Bear, and business for the nearby villages.

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Pioneertown—

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ing hard for their business — and for the town. And "Jonsey", at the Red Dog Cafe, who is beginning to see the light now that he has liquor.

He and his partner, Chet Lempke are doing very well.

Honey Fellers, in her Real Estate Office has worked hard to earn her reputation; "She'll tell you the truth, even if it hurts!" We are justly proud of our own little postoffice and its postmistress, Hester Downing. And, down the wide unpaved street is the Townhouse.

Managers have come and gone, but it stays open, and now under the capable and pleasant management of Ida Skare, an old-timer here. Now, we have three new businesses opening soon. "Vernon and Blackie's Meat Ball Corral, next to the Red Dog, opening on April 6th. At the rodeo grounds, Willie Benoit says he will soon have several good riding horses for hire. And the old land office is being readied for K. T. Belcher, who will manage the new subdivision just beyond the Pioneertown Village.

And so we go along in our slow but sure way. A little progress here, a little improvement there. And — you know what, people? Well, one o fthese fine days we are going to show you a thing or two! In the mean time; Yucca Valley, we salute you, and we wish you well. You and the new addition to your family, The Desert Star. Long may it shine!

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YV Woman's Club Sees Films On The Middle East

Dr. J. Michael Hagopian, a national lecturer showed films of the middle East entitled 'The Middle East Aflame,' at a meeting of the Yucca Valley Woman's Club Tuesday.

About 100 persons attended the lecture and film according to Ruth D. Dietman.

Officers for 1957 and 1958 were nominated during the short meeting with Mrs. Pausch presiding as president.

Refreshments were served in the meeting at the community hall.

Yucca Valley Personals

Mr. R. O. Jones from Norwalk gave a demonstration dinner at Mrs. Mary Lou Davis' home Friday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Vesta Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Engle, Mrs. Joan Wilson. Every one was delighted with the delicious dinner.

Mr. Jones is looking for some one for this area to do the demonstrating of the Seal-O-Matic cooking ware — single man or wife. They do not have to be experienced. Any one wishing to get in touch can phone or write to R. O. Jones, 14429 Gridley Road, Norwalk, Calif., UN. 44550.

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Contractor's Association Being Formed

Carl Meyer, secretary-manager of the Orange County Builders Association, talked to potential members of a new Desert Contractor's association of Morongo Basin at a meeting last Thursday, March 21, and will assist in further setting up of a permanent organization, it has been reported here.

Temporary officers are L. N. McLaughlin, president; Earl E. Deal, vice-president; Louis Tripodo, treasurer; and Ed Spanier, secretary.

Dodson Realty building in Joshua Tree is the temporary meeting place for the association at 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

PARK MEETING—

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munities, it was felt that the lease should be for a longer term and it will be for a period of approximately ten years, with option to renew or to purchase the property when the lease expires. The considration for the lease will be nominal, some consideration being necessary to make the lease legal.

The park board and school authorities have spent considerable time working out the details of this plan and, "we feel that we have something of definite value to both parties and the general public. Therefore we have requested Mr. Thompson to be here, as a disinterested party who knows what he is talking about, to answer questions on any matters concerning the park. The decision is up to you — lets have a good turnout and get the location of the park settled so that we may get on with the much delayed development work."

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